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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Assignee: The Regents of the University of California

Title: METHODS FOR SCREENING NUCLEAR TRANSCRIPTION FACTORS FOR THE ABILITY TO MODULATE AN ESTROGEN RESPONSE.

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A change in correspondence address and a petition to extend the period of response for three months are enclosed. For the convenience of the Examiner, a list of the pending claims is attached as Appendix I.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 14-28 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 as follows:

1. (Once amended) A method of screening a nuclear transcription factor ligand for the ability to modulate estrogen activation at an AP-1 site, said method comprising the steps of:

a) providing a first cell containing an estrogen receptor, a cognate receptor for said nuclear transcription factor ligand, and a promoter comprising an AP-1 site which regulates expression of a first reporter gene;